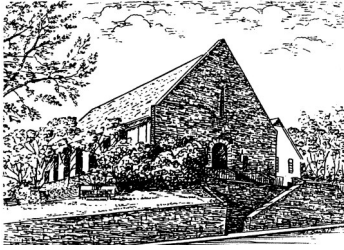


## The Good News



May

2017



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Dear Church Family,

I am happy to accept the call as your part time Minister of Music and I look forward to serving in that capacity for years to come. This past year has been rewarding as Rachel and I have been blessed greatly by our association with the good people of First Baptist Church. A "new" experience as a church staff member was the last thing on my mind when we started attending this church. My intentions were to merely sing in the choir and go home without any further responsibilities. Looking back I don't think I would have been satisfied for very long. Working with a group of individuals on the common purpose of making music in order to lead others to a closer encounter with God is my Passion. Having that opportunity once again at this stage in my life is truly a Gift. Thank you!

The Chancel Choir is working hard on a special worship service for May 21. I am calling this service "Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs." The entire morning worship service will consist of music, reading from the Psalms and singing hymns. We hope that you will make an effort to be in attendance that morning and we pray that you will receive a spiritual blessing by your presence. Our children's choir, under the direction of Kay Greene and Stephanie Mathis, will join the adults for one of the anthems.

Let's all remember God's amazing grace and let that grace be evident in our lives as we encounter the world each day.

Sincerely,

*Jim*

Jim Hawkins

## S.E.E. ANNUAL WIFFLEBALL AND COOKOUT, MAY 21



We'll gather at 4pm on May 21 for our Annual Wiffleball Tournament, and will conclude the evening with a cookout. Bring your game on!

## PALM SUNDAY SINGERS



Palm Sunday was a joyous occasion, with the children leading a palm processional as an introduction to our worship service. They presented the anthem "Blessed is He". We are grateful for their voices and willingness to lead worship. The Children's Choir is under the direction of Kay Greene and Stephanie Mathis.

## REFUGE LEARNS A VALUABLE LESSON



Recently, the Refuge group learned about the trials of poverty and homelessness. Using a computer simulation program, they soon discovered that it was very hard to make ends meet and get through a month without running out of money. Later, the youth went to a grocery store to find out just how difficult it is to feed yourself for five days, using just eight dollars. Let us all be mindful of those around us who are less fortunate.

## HE IS RISEN!



Here's another view of our Easter Cross, fully decorated. Thanks to Peggy Edwards for providing the picture!

## **MAY MISSION—BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES**

Our May Mission Focus is to help support Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina is a not-for-profit, church-related organization with a commitment to providing quality care and a meaningful way of life for residents and staff. There are envelopes for donations and other information at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for helping to improve the lives of our elders who lack the resources needed for a quality life.

## **ONGOING CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

We do quite a bit of collecting around here! You can help in many small ways, too. We have an ongoing collection of personal toiletries and amenities, located in the church kitchen. You can bring small bottles of lotion, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, etc. Sisterhood sees that these items are distributed to Steps of Hope women's shelter, and the Polk County prison. We're also doing some collecting for Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. They're in great need of plastic grocery bags and empty (12-count, please, although 18-count is fine, too) egg cartons for their Food Pantry.

## **ALUMINUM CAN MINISTRY**

Don't forget your cans! We've been presented an opportunity to help with missions for children in Guatemala. All you have to do is bring aluminum cans (in bags, please) to church, and put your bag in the back of Dr. Bob Lair's pickup truck. The money collected for the scrap aluminum goes to provide resources for Guatemalan children.

## **BROTHERHOOD TO MEET AT ELLIS FINCHER'S IN MAY**

For the month of May, Brotherhood will meet at Ellis Fincher's shed. This is a great time of fellowship (and eating!) for the men of the church. There's a signup sheet in the Education Hallway, so please sign up and bring a friend. If you need directions, please contact Ellis.

## **BACKPACKING OPPORTUNITY**



Backpacking is a great opportunity for Sabbath, exercise, friendship, and fun.

You are invited to join us as we hike in the mountains of western North Carolina, June 9-11 (Fri, Sat, Sun).

This trip is open to anyone 16 or older who can carry at least 30 lbs. on their backs, while hiking 5 to 7 miles per day in mountainous terrain. If you are under 16, you must be accompanied by a parent. Participants should bring their own backpack, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and tent/shelter. If you do not own these items, Sunrift Adventures in Travelers Rest rents them, or we can try and help you borrow these items from someone. Also, many backpacking tents sleep two people, therefore not everyone has to have their own tent. Stoves and other cooking gear can be shared as well. If you are interested in this trip, but do not have the equipment, please let me know, and I'll help.

Let me know if you are interested,  
Jeff

# EASTER EGG HUNT, APRIL 9



## TRYON YOUTH SCHEDULE SPRING 2017

January 15	Pick a team and choose a prayer partner for the semester, and have some fun!
January 22	How did the Bible become the Bible?
January 29	Why does the Old Testament matter?
February 5	<b>No Refuge</b> enjoy the Super bowl with your family
February 11	Skiing or tubing at Wolf Ridge meet at 7:00am at Food Lion
February 12	Creation and Chaos: The first five books of The Bible
February 19	Character Sketch: who are the Kings and Judges?
February 26	From Sadness to Celebration: what we can learn from the Psalms
March 5	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
March 10	Pizza and Movie Night 6:00pm-11:00pm
March 12	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
March 19	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
March 26	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
April 2	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
April 9	The Story: Jesus' and Ours
April 16	Easter <b>No Refuge</b>
April 19	Mystery Lunch and fun 11:00am-5:00pm
April 23	What does the New Testament have to say about Church?
April 30	Who is this Paul guy and why did he write so many letters?
May 7	So What? Why does the New Testament matter?
May 12-13	Spring Retreat *possibility for a date change*
May 14	Mother's Day <b>No Refuge</b>
May 21	Whiffle Ball Game and Dinner last regular Refuge until the Fall
June 18-23	PASSPORT Missions at Averett University

## EASTER AT FIRST BAPTIST

What a joyous Easter celebration our church experienced this year! We had a Maundy Thursday service, with footwashing and communion, and hosted the Community Good Friday service in our sanctuary. We came back on Sunday for an Easter Sunrise service, a great breakfast (cooked by FBC men), and a fulfilling worship service with music including bells, trumpet, and tympani. Also during Easter worship, we witnessed and celebrated the baptism of Oliviah Miller.



## KID'S NIGHT OUT, APRIL 21

"Hop Into Spring, Hop Into Books" was the theme of our most recent Kid's Night Out. As your kids arrived, off they hopped to make book name tags! The night included: our USA puzzle, balloon game and jokes, a 31' paper clip chain and book time. Each activity had tons of discussion, and their questions are amazing! Pizza, goldfish, cotton candy (clouds), cheese sticks and water were inhaled - we do work up an appetite! There were books, rulers, and Playdoh to take home for all. Don and I had a great time and we hope your kids did too! It is our hope that we can love as they love, share as they share, help as they help each other, for they truly teach us much. They are great kids! Our next Kid's Night Out will be in June, with the date to be determined.



# Hooked!



The David Stillerman Fishing Project of FBC Tryon

First Baptist Parents,

We'd love to have you and your child/ren go fishing with us. You do not need any fishing equipment (you can certainly bring your own if you wish), experience, or license. We will supply fishing equipment, instruction, drinks, and a light dinner. We do ask that at least one parent be present with your child/ren. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to spend time with each other, and with others from our community (especially with foster children and those involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.)

Here are a few reasons we think "Hooked" is worthwhile:

- Get outside . . . teach kids to enjoy and respect the outdoors.
- Encourage friendships . . . with other children and with adults.
- Learn how to fish . . . fishing is a great hobby, that teaches patience and perseverance, builds confidence, and can be enjoyed for a lifetime.
- Have fun!

We'll go fishing at these times and places, and hope that you can join us:

Sunday, April 30	Derbyshire Lake, 2-5pm
Sunday, May 20	Tryon Estates, 2-5pm
Sunday, June 25	White Oak Mountain, 2-5pm
Sunday, Sept 17	White Oak Mountain, 2-5pm
Sunday, Oct 15	Tryon Estates, 2-5pm

If you plan to attend please RSVP, as that will help us provide the correct amount of fishing equipment, volunteers, and food.

For more information or to RSVP please call:  
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## 2017 Schedule for First Baptist Church, Tryon, NC

### Regularly Scheduled Weekly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

Sundays	Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Refuge (grades 6-12), 5pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, Rock House, 6pm Handbell Rehearsal, 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

### Regularly Scheduled Monthly Activities (unless otherwise noted) include:

1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month	Mission Team, 5:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month:	WMU, 10am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month:	Sisterhood, 7pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month:	Brotherhood, 6:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month:	Deacons, 6pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month:	Firewood Ministry, Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, 9am

*This is the current schedule for the year. Please note some things may be re-scheduled, added, or changed as needed. If changes occur, you will be notified by email, worship bulletin, newsletter, or announcement in worship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.*

### MAY MISSION EMPHASIS—Baptist Retirement Home Offering

Sun, May 21	Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs Sunday—Music in Worship SEE Annual Wiffleball Game and Cookout, 4pm (Last SEE until Fall)
Sun, May 28	Hooked! Fishing Event, Tryon Estates, 2pm-5pm

### JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS – Stop Hunger Now

Sun, Jun 4	Graduate Sunday, 11am
Fri-Sun Jun 9-11	Rafting Trip
Sun, Jun 11	Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am
Sun-Fri, Jun 18-23	Passport Youth Camp, Danville VA
Sun, Jun 25	Hooked! Fishing Event, , White Oak Mountain, 2pm-5pm
Th-Sat, Jun 28-30	CBF General Assembly, Atlanta GA

### JULY MISSION EMPHASIS—Christmas in July Mission Offering (CBF Global Missions/Lottie Moon)

Mon-Thurs Jul 3-6	PassportKids! Camp, Montreat, NC
Sun, July 30	I Love My Church Offering Quarterly Church Conference
TBD	Carowinds Trip

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                                 Quarterly Church Conference  
TBD                        Carowinds Trip

### **AUGUST MISSION EMPHASIS—Back to School (School Supplies)**

Sun, Aug 6                Celebration of The Lord's Supper, 11am  
Mon-Th, Aug 7-10      Vacation Bible School

### **SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Commit to #GraceltForward Mission Day**

Sun, Sep 10              SEE, Children's Choir 5pm  
Sun, Sep 17              Hooked! Fishing Event, White Oak Mountain, 2pm-5pm  
Sun, Sep 24              SEE, Children's Choir 5pm

### **OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Operation Christmas Child,**

Sun, Oct 8                SEE, Children's Choir 5pm  
Sat, Oct 14                #GraceltForward Mission Day  
Sun, Oct 15                Hooked! Fishing Event, Tryon Estates, 2pm-5pm  
Sun, Oct 22                SEE, Children's Choir 5pm  
Sun, Oct 29                I Love My Church Offering  
                                 Quarterly Church Conference

### **NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Warm Coats & Blankets for Polk County Residents**

Sun, Nov 5                All Saints Sunday  
Sun, Nov 12                SEE, Children's Choir, 5pm  
Sun, Nov 19                Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
                                 Community Thanksgiving Service

### **DECEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS—Kathy's Kids, Angel Tre**

Sun, Dec 3                Annual Christmas Dinner  
Sun, Dec 17                Caroling, 3pm  
Sun, Dec 24                Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm  
Sun, Dec 31                I Love My Church Offering

## May Sunday Schedules

### *Deacons for May*

\*Susan Smith  
Phil Pleasants  
Marian Corn  
Ron Frady  
Jeff Miller

### *Ushers for May*

Nancy Brady, Franklin Williams —Front  
Stephen Morris—Hall  
Gigi Covil—Side

### *Acolytes for May*

May 7—Katie Cothran, Jonathon Edwards  
May 14—StorieLane Whiteside, Oliviah Miller  
May 21—Verae Upton, Durham McEntire  
May 28—Wilson Edwards, Malik Miller

### *Children's Church Workers for May*

May 7—Dan and Erin Fox  
May 14—Cathy and JT Johnson  
May 21—Anthony and Emily Pereira  
May 28—Susan Smith



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to the family of James Chambers (Di Greene's father), who died April 10.

## May Milestones

### Anniversaries

3 Evan & Ashley Gilbert  
5 Vernon & Raye Dusenbury  
8 Phillip & Paula Edwards  
24 Mitch & Gingi Green  
25 Brian & Angela Radaker  
30 Keith & Alisa Constance  
31 Franklin & Sadie McKaig

### Birthdays

1 Maggie Johnson ('06)  
2 Bob Lair  
3 Wynne Morris, Chuck Britton, Susan Smith  
4 Kay Greene, Cathie Gee, Dustin Bishop  
8 Charley Dusenbury ('08)  
14 Christie Collins Morrow, Gary Nobles, Emily McFalls  
16 Lydia Miller, Kelsey Gates (McKaig)  
17 Cathy Stott  
18 Joyce Arledge, Brian Durham ('07)  
19 Lucy McCallister ('13)  
21 Keaton McCall ('09), "Cricket" Walker  
23 Phil Feagan  
24 Kasey McKaig  
26 Bernice Culbreth, Janet Hudson, Tommy Vehorn, Judy Houk  
27 Roselee Crawford ('05)  
28 Maddie Blackwell ('00)  
29 Ashley Gilbert, Rory Gates McKaig ('11)  
30 Michael Nobles